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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE

1. AUSTRIA (HOLZER) CHAIRED INFORMAL MEETING OF OUTER SPACE
COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN PREPARATION FOR 20 JUNE - 1 JULY VIENNA
OCS SESSION. AUSTRIA NOTED THAT COLOMBIA, ECUADOR AND GUYANA
ARE LIKELY TO MAKE OFFICIAL REQUESTS FOR PERMANENT OBSERVER
STATUS TO THE OSC. BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA INDICATED THAT WOULD
SUPPORT SUCH REQUESTS; IN RESPONSE TO MISOFF'S QUESTION,

VENEZUELA SAID INTENTIONS OF THE THREE COUNTRIES IS PRESUMABLY
TO MOVE FOR SUCH STATUS AS A FIRST STEP TO BECOMING MEMBERS OF
THE COMMITTEE. UK RECALLED THE THREE HAD ORIGINALLY REQUESTED
OBSERVER STATUS TO THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE ONLY, AND THAT THIS
MORE LIMITED REQUEST WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO ACROSS THE BOARD
OBSERVERSHIP TO THE COMMITTEE AND THE LEGAL AND SCIENTIFIC
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SUBCOMMITTEES. MISOFF RECALLED TRADITIONAL US RELUCTANCE TO OSC
WITH RESPECT TO OSC ENLARGEMENT. SOVIET DID NOT COMMENT.
ITALY SUGGESTED OSC CHAIRMAN JANKOWITSCH MIGHT CONSULT WITH
THE THREE, WHICH AUSTRIAN DEL WILL PRESUMABLY DO. (AFTER
THE MEETING HOLZER RECALLED THAT NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, TURKEY,
YUGOSLAVIA ARE AMONG THOSE INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP.)

2. BRAZILIAN RAPPOREUR MINISTER LINDENBERG SETTE REPORTED REGRET THAT HE CANNOT ATTEND THE COMMITTEE DURING THE FURST WEEK. DISCUSSION POINTED TO REQUESTING HIS BRAZILIAN ALTERNATE FOR THE VIENNA SESSION, DAYRELL DE LIMA, TO SERVE AS RAPPOREUR FOR THAT PERIOD. (COMMENT: THIS SEEMS ACCEPTABLE SINCE REMOTE SENSING ISSUES ON WHICH WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH DE LIMA, WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED IN DEPTH.)

3. AUSTRIA ASKED FOR AND OBTAINED AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INFORMAL WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON DBS GUIDELINES TO CARRY FORWARD THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION THAT ALL DELEGATIONS AT THE VEINNA SESSION "TRY THEIR BEST IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE REMAINING DIFFERENCES" (REPORT ANNEX II, PARA 6). HOLZER NOTED NEITHER POLISH AMB. WYZNER NOR INDIAN AMB. MISHRA, EACH OF WHOM HAS CHAIRED PREVIOUS DBS WORKING GROUPS, WILL BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT ENTIRETY OF THE VIENNA SESSION. QUESTION OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP WILL THUS BE PUT OFF FOR DECISION ON 20 JUNE. (AFTER THE MEETING, ITALY SUGGESTED TO THE WEO PARTICIPANTS THAT A WE WITH A "MIDDLE POSITION", E.G., AUSTRALIA, CANADA OR SWEDEN, MIGHT CHAIR, BUT SWEDENIS UNAVAILABLE AND AUSTRALIA UNLIKELY TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE SUGGICIENTLY KNOWLEDGEABLE CONCERNING DBS GUIDELINES. MISOFF ASKED WHETHER AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY COULD NOT PROVIDE SOMEONE LIKE HELMUT TUERCK OR, IF TUERCK REMAINED IN NYC THROUGH THE LOS CONFERENCE, LEGAL ADVISER KURT HERNDL. IT WAS NOTED THAT THIS MATTER MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN UP DURING WEO DISCUSSION ON DBS IN LONDON 8 JUNE. WEO'S AGREED TENTATIVELY TO MEET IN NYC ON 13 JUNE TO REVIEW PROCEDURAL RESULTS OF LONDON DISCUSSIONS.)

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4. AUSTRIA ALSO OBTAINED AGREEMENT TO CARRY OUT THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, FOLLOWING THE VIENNA SESSION, OF A SMALL EXPERT INTERSESSIONAL TASK FORCE ON A POSSIBLE UN CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE WHICH WOULD REPORT BACK TO THE S&TS IN TIME FOR THE 1978 SESSION OF THE LATTER (REPORT PARA 114). HOLZER BEGAN TO SUGGEST THAT EMBERSHIP OF NO MORE THAN 10 MIGHT INCLUDE INDIA, US, USSR, BUT USSR (SMIRNOV) SAID COMPOSITION SHOULD BE LEFT TO DISCUSSIONS DURING THE OSC.

5. FOR TECHNICAL REASONS OSC SUMMARY RECORDS WILL BE ISSUED IN NYC FOLLOWING THE SESSION.

6. JAPANESE SECRETARY MATSUOZAAA CALLED ON MISOFF 7 JUNE 59 DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FOR PROGRESS AT OSC ON DBS GUIDELINES. MISOFF OBSERVED THIS DISCUSSION OWULD BEST BE POSTPONED PENDING RESULTS OF LONDON MEETING (WHICH JAPAN IS ATTENDING) BUT REVIEWED BASIC ELEMENTS OF US POSITION. MATSUOZAWA SAID JAPAN IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED IN ANTICIPATING THE FIRST YEARS OF ITS

DOMESTIC DBS SERVICE WITH PROBLEMS THAT MAY BE CAUSED BY
SPILLOVER OF NEIGHBORS, MENTIONING ROK, PRC, USSR.

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